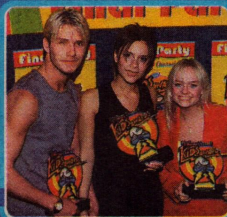


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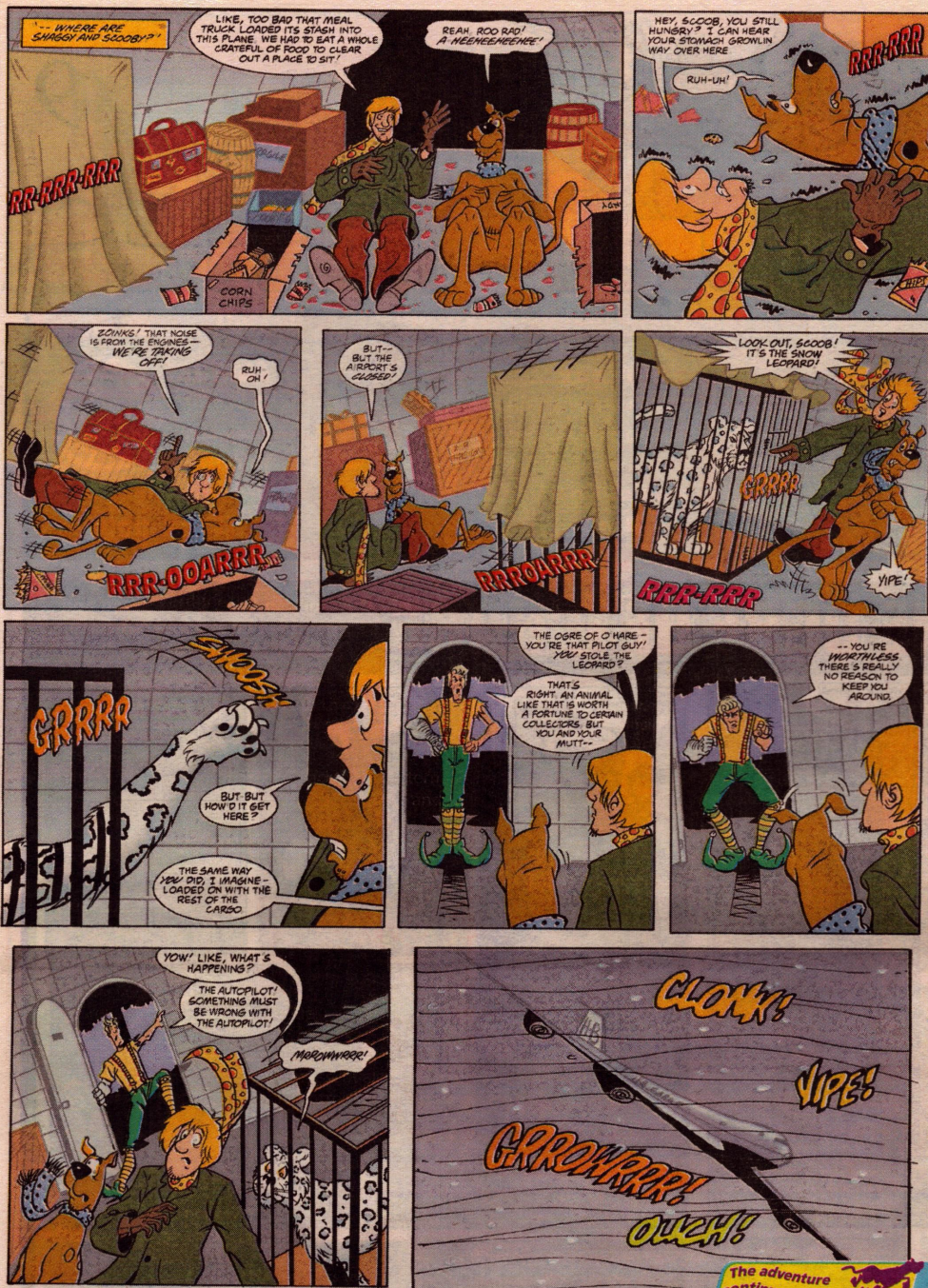


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SCOOBY-DOO! in THE OGRE OF O'HARE

The story so far ... Scooby-Doo and the gang are on the lookout for some scary missing cargo ...





Send f-mail, cartoons
and competition
answers to us at:
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CARTOON STAR

Get creative and you could win some great gear from Nickelodeon Yikes! The Cartoon Star will get a cool, limited-edition Nickelodeon Yikes mountain bike plus a goody bag full of groovy writing stuff like Screwballs and Goofballs black lead pencils, Fountain Of All Knowledge cartridge pens and No Brainer and Pinwheel erasers.



Runners-up get a goody bag!

Francesca Leonforte,
age 12, Hepworth

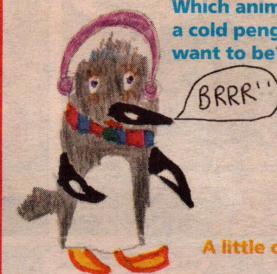
What's the difference
between a drink of tea
and a magician?



One's a cuppa,
the other's
a sorcerer!

Caroline Addlestone,
age 13, Leeds

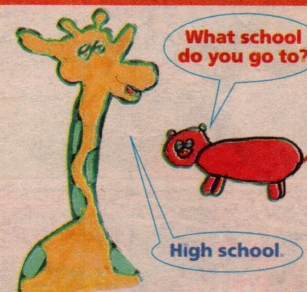
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A little otter!

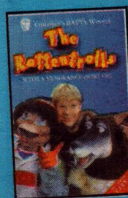
Kathy Hassell, age 10,
Co Wicklow

What school
do you go to?



High school.

Return of The Rottentrolls



King Roger (Nick Barber) is joined by his younger sister Princess Kate in the third series of The Rottentrolls. Holly Grainger, 10, explained to The Fun Club how she landed the coveted role of Kate: "I knew the author, from another TV series that I did and he asked me if I wanted to go for a meeting with the executive producer, producer and director. So I went to the meeting and a week later they asked me if I wanted to do another audition and I got the part. I really enjoyed playing her."

Roger and Kate have many adventures with the Rottentrolls, Yockenthwaite, Trucklecrag and the Nab Twins, especially organising the first Rottentrollympics and the Monster of Rock festival!

To celebrate the third series we've got 20 copies of The Rottentrolls II ... With A Vengeance (Sort Of) and 20 T-shirts (like Holly is wearing!) to give away.

To win, name one of the Rottentrolls.

Send your entries to The Fun Club address, above, by November 4



The
Rottentrolls

The FUN Club



Have you got Goosebumps?



WIN!

No Halloween party would be complete without a classic kids spine-tingler from Goosebumps (Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, Certificate PG).

Now you can be one step ahead of the rest with a ghastly Goosebumps Collector Box of five videos, exclusive to The Sunday Times. Get really spooked with the Haunted Mask I, A Night in Terror Tower,

Night of the Living Dummy III, Stay Out of the Basement and The Haunted Mask II. You can buy all the videos, but we've got 10 fab Goosebumps boxed sets, available only in The Sunday Times, to give away. To win one, tell us who writes the Goosebumps books.



WIN!

Spooky Treats

If you like the tasty orangey bit in the middle of original Jaffa Cakes, then you'll love the limited edition Blood Red Jaffa Cake Bars that McVitie's has created for Halloween.

Our 10 lucky winners will each get 10 packets of McVitie's Blood Red Jaffa Cake Bars and a limited edition Fangz Orangey toy. A further 90 runners-up will each get a toy. To win, just tell us the name of the most common human blood group!



Happy Hauntings

Make your own spooky creations with these great glow-in-the-dark kits from Hama Beads.

Place the beads onto the pegboard in any creepy design you like, then ask an adult to carefully iron over the top using the paper provided. The beads will then fuse together and make the design permanent.

We've got 95 sets of Hama glow-in-the-dark beads to give away. To win, tell us which vegetable people scoop out to make Halloween lanterns.

For stockists and mail order details please call 01604 670404.



WIN!

Clean Up Your Act

WIN!



Just when you thought it was safe to go into the bathroom ... there is a scary new range of novelty toilettries on the loose. Slime, Witches' Brew and Vampire Blood are three fun bath foams from a wide range by Kidstuff, each containing a creepy-crawly toy inside. Eighty-five readers will each get a set of all three bath foams. To win, tell us who wrote the fabulously frightening novel Dracula.



What's in the bag?



Indulge your interest in the extraterrestrial with this great new series of six Sci-Fi Book Bags from Puffin Books. All the bags contain an out-of-this world book by a top Puffin author, a nifty A4 notepad, a delectable door hanger, an amazing alien-head pencil top and a sensational surprise gift. Twenty-five readers will each get a set of four Puffin Sci-Fi Book Bags. To win, tell us where Puffins build their nests.



WIN!

Stick At It

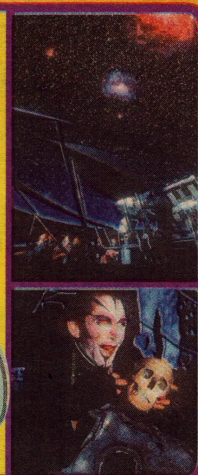
Fight off any ghastly germs this Halloween with these trendy new antiseptic glow-in-the-dark Stars & Planets plasters from Johnson & Johnson Band-Aid (available from Boots and independent pharmacies).

One lucky reader will get a spine-tingling family weekend in London (including transport and accommodation for two adults and two children) with a visit to the creepy London Dungeon, the Chamber of Horrors at Madame Tussauds, the London Planetarium and a meal at Planet Hollywood. Five runners-up will win family tickets to the London Dungeon and a year's supply of Stars & Planets plasters.



To win, name the nearest star to our solar system.

All answers to The Fun Club address, on page 2, by November 4

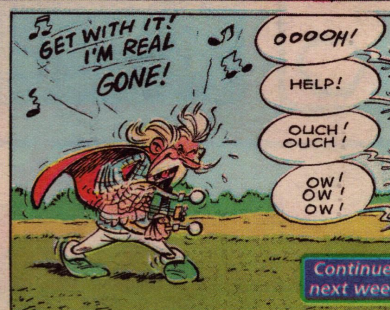
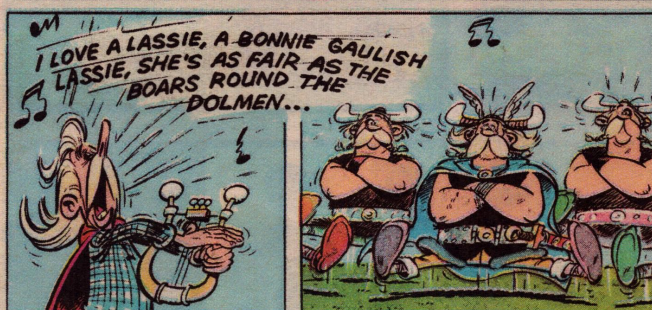
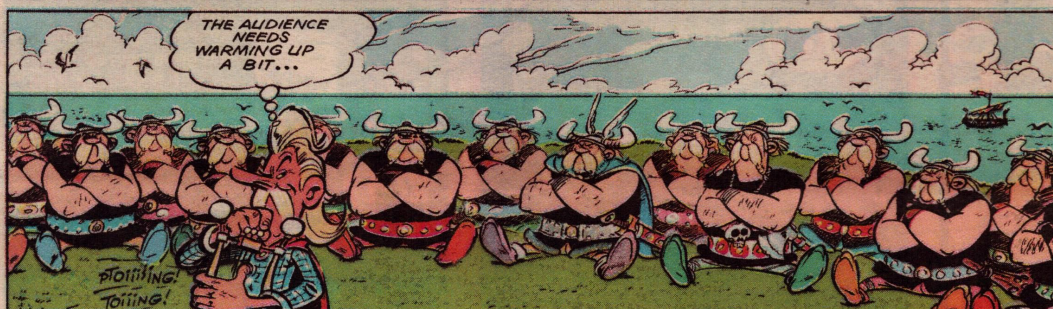
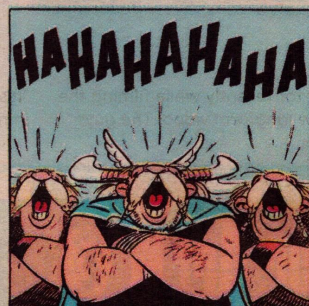
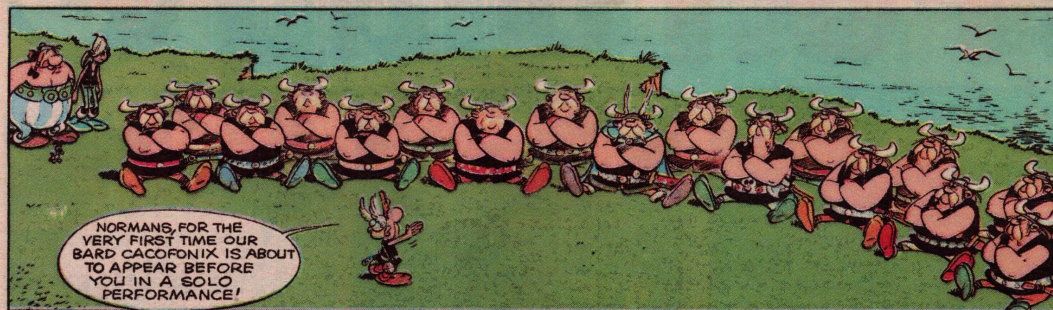


Post us your competition answers or e-mail them! Our address is: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk



Asterix and the Normans

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If you write to us via the Internet you have the chance to win these interactive prizes from The Learning Company. The star e-mail wins Comptons 3D World Atlas and Comptons Encyclopedia of Animals and Nature. Runners-up will win one of either.

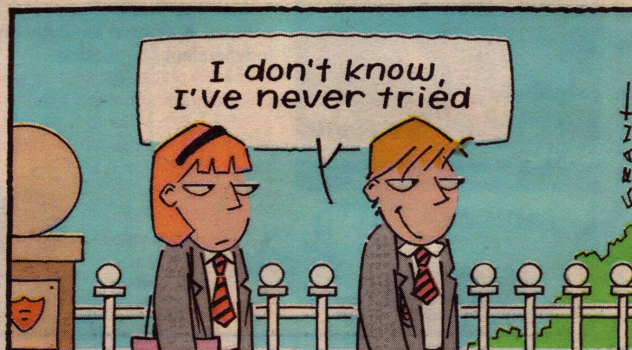
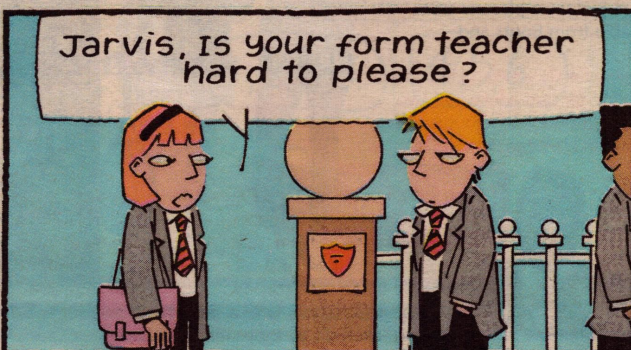
Recently I went with my Scout troop (7th Croydon) for an eight-day camp in the Brecon Beacons. We had to prepare and cook our own meals and set up our own tents. We were allowed to use an axe, a bowsaw and we could take a penknife with us. It was really fun and we did activities like rock-climbing and kayaking. When I came back I was so tired that on Sunday I woke up at 11.48am!
Richard Norman

I am from Ireland and I just got back from my holidays in Bristol. One day I took a trip to Bath. I saw the Roman baths and they were amazing. Near my hotel there were loads of cool shops. All the English people were really nice to me and my family. I just wanted to say that England is a brilliant country.
Niki Puri

Recently, I went to the London Dungeon and it was such good fun that I thought I'd write and tell everyone! If you're in London and have nothing to do then ask your parents to take you there. You do get some horrible shocks and it's more frightening than you can imagine but that's what makes it so much fun! Queues can be a problem because it's so popular but it is worth the wait.
Alison Hill

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news

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It's the fizz!

If anyone can, Daniel Shakhani can! The 21-year-old student has invented a can of drink with a built-in straw and resealable top – guaranteed to keep the fizz in – even after the container has been opened. "The idea developed from a few pieces of plastic and the washer from a tap in our kitchen," says Daniel, who is studying at London University. With three major drinks companies keen to snap up his ideas, Daniel could be set to make a fortune out of the £3billion-a-year industry.

Getting the bird

Carla Campbell from Brighton decided to try and scare away the persistent flock of pooping pigeons that had decided to settle on her window ledge. Carla's plan involved playing some of her vintage records at them – at top volume! With 1970s songstress Kate Bush shrieking out her greatest hits, the birds took one listen and scarpered. That's what's known as a blast from the past!



Flying high with Five!

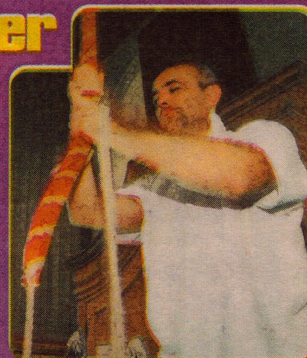
He might like to live a bit dangerously, but J from Five got more than he bargained for recently while filming the band's new longform video. The guys were asked for some of their wildest ambitions and J said he wouldn't mind jumping out of a plane! With a parachute on of course.



"I've wanted to do a parachute jump since I was nine years old," J told us. "It's one of those things you immediately know whether you want to do it or not – and the first time I saw people jumping, I knew I wanted to do it as well." On the day of the jump, J reckons he kept his cool – even right up to the last minute. "When I did a bungee jump I must admit my stomach went a bit. But up there at 10,000ft, it was so quiet and peaceful, I felt fine!" J enjoyed the experience so much – he wants to do it all over again. "The guy I jumped in tandem with said that I was a natural – and our landing was perfect. So now I'd like to do one of those jumps where you have a snowboard on your feet and land in the snow." You can find out what the rest of the band got up to on the video *Five Inside* – released November 11.

Pulling power

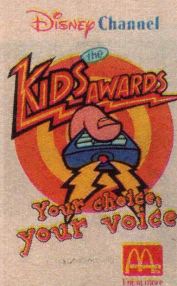
An appeal has gone out for people to sign up as bellringers to help ring in the new millennium at churches throughout Britain. It is estimated that 10,000 more campanologists will be needed to operate all the extra bells, which are being renovated for this special occasion. So, why not give your local church a ring and go along and start learning the ropes?



Chain reaction

A one-day ban on cars in 35 French towns and cities was voted a big success with commuters cycling, walking, rollerblading and even skateboarding to work instead. Air pollution levels were well below normal, since exhaust fumes were virtually non-existent. In Paris, streets and boulevards turned into a massive city-wide Tour de France-type celebration, with a great "free bike for the day" offer being taken up by thousands of people.

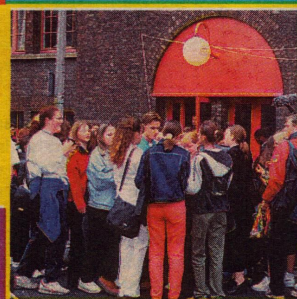
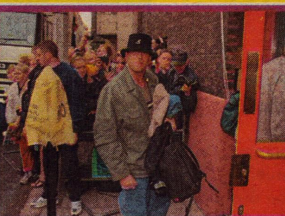




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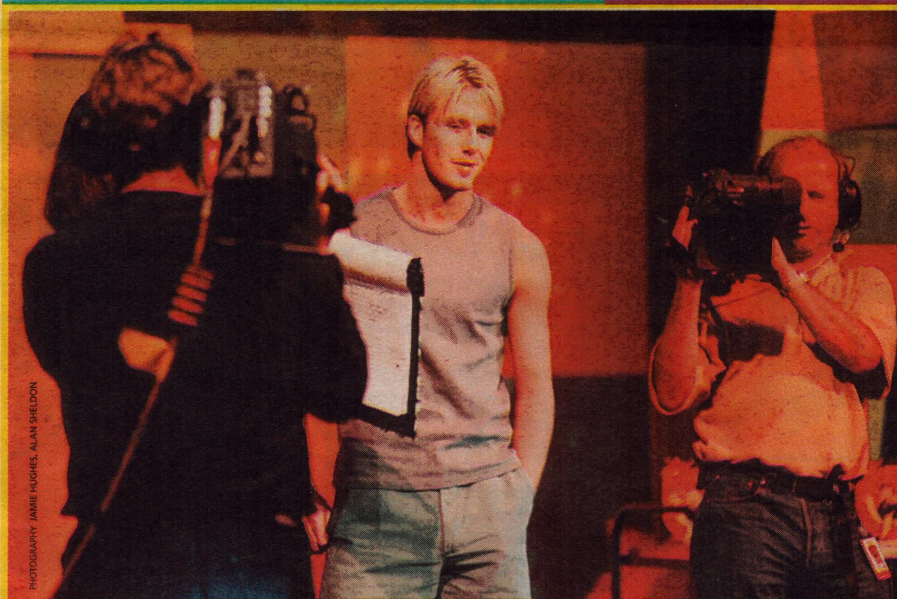
People travelled from all over the country, to get a glimpse of their favourite stars. We bumped into two youngsters at the stage door who'd caught a train from Scotland at 4am - only to find themselves waiting in the rain for hours!



They might be chart-busting pop stars, but Claire and Faye from Steps found themselves carrying the bags! "Where have the boys gone?" they growled. Strangely, Lee and H were nowhere to be found at that moment!

Nine-year-old Abbey Penney had the time of her life at the show, held at London's Old Vic theatre. The Sunday Times prize winner started her day with a private lunch with the boys from OTT, getting all the gossip, plus photographs and autographs. Then she took her seat to watch the show. Looking forward to the event, Alan from OTT told us: "I think it's going to be fantastic. There are lots of great acts for the kids, it's terrific that so many acts have turned out. It will be a blast!"

Before long the gathering crowd was rewarded by a flurry of stars and celebrities, getting out of cars, taxis and minibuses. They were all greeted by cheers and high-pitched screams from the excited hordes.



Baby Spice Emma Bunton picked up the coveted Favourite Pop Star award, and also introduced a special video. Kids had been asked for their one wish to help the world - and Emma revealed that the most popular answer was world peace. She told the audience: "We're sending the award to the United Nations in New York so they know how strongly the kids of Great Britain feel about having a peaceful world."

Posh and Baby Spice came on stage together to collect the Spice Girls' Favourite Female Band trophy. The crowd went wild, and the screams became deafening, as the superstars said: "Thank you very much!"

Soccer superhero David Beckham was one of the afternoon's most popular guests. Fans went berserk as Becks arrived on stage to pick up his Favourite Sports Star gong. "It's been a hard year for me so this award from the kids means more than any other award I've been given," he said.

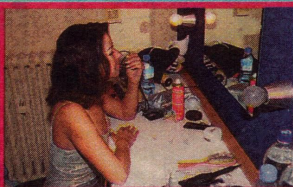


THE YEAR!

When the Disney Channel held its Kids Awards Final in London recently, the stars turned out to collect their awards and enjoy the party. The Funday Times had a front-row seat for the show, and mingled with some of pop's brightest stars backstage.

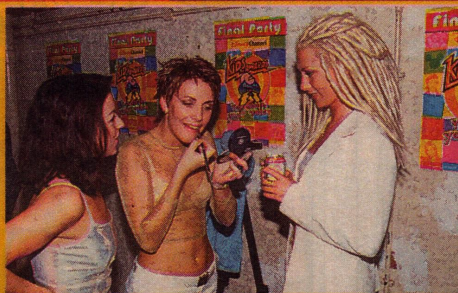
Who won what!

Male band/artist Boyzone
Female band/artist Spice Girls
Pop star Emma Bunton
TV star Zoe Ball
Sports star David Beckham
Actor/actress Will Smith
TV Sabrina The Teenage Witch
Disney movie award Flubber
Newcomer B*Witched

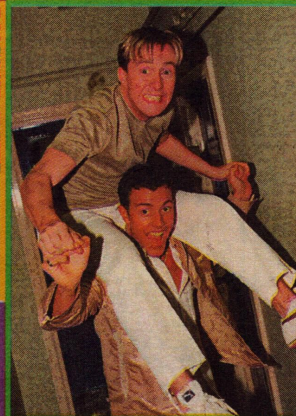


Everywhere was very crowded backstage, so Claire found herself getting ready wherever she could find the room!

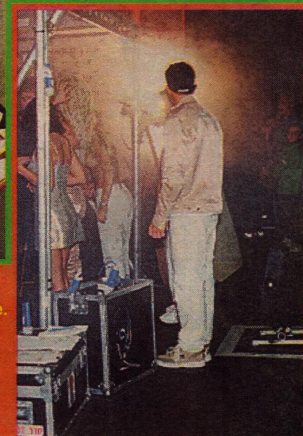
It was a hectic afternoon – but the Steps girls found a quiet moment in which to get their make-up done. "I feel like Barbie now that I've got nylon hair," squealed Faye. "The only problem with it is that it takes two-and-a-half hours to dry every time I wash it!"



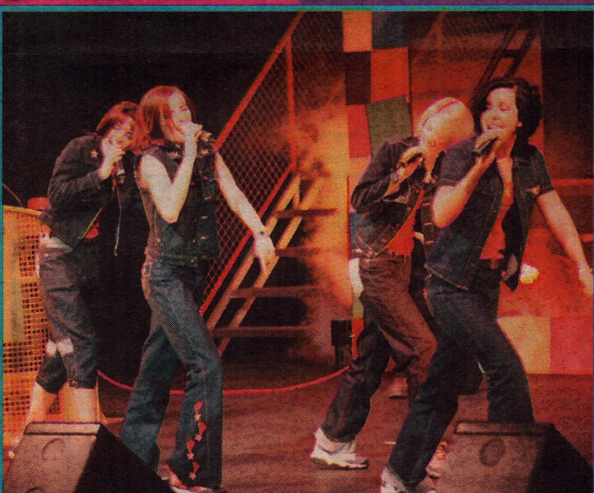
In order to dance and sing at the same time, Steps have to wear special microphone headsets. The girls put theirs on just seconds before rushing on stage.



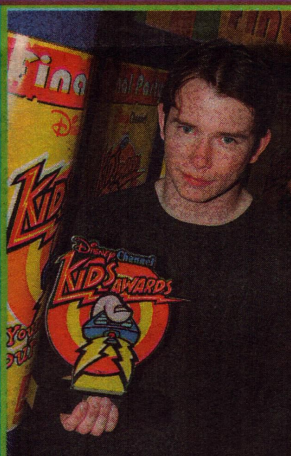
Here they are! We found the boys from Steps larking about in the corridor. Seconds later, H nearly slipped from Lee's shoulders. Which could have been a disaster!



Steps prepare to make their dramatic entrance onto the stage. During the awards ceremony, the stars appeared on stage through a pair of sliding doors – with clouds of billowing smoke and bright lights behind them.



Between award presentations, the stage came alive with performances from Steps, Five, B*Witched – who nearly missed the show because they got stuck on Eurostar – Billie, Cleopatra, OTT and Stephen Gately, who all sang during the show.



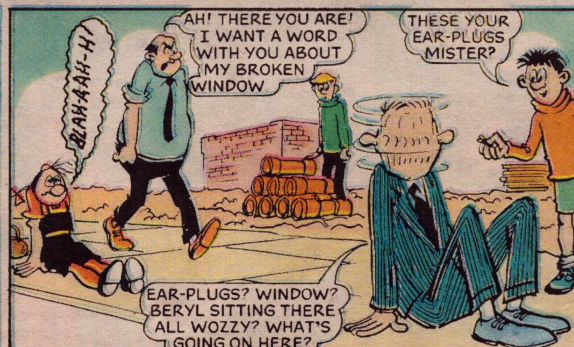
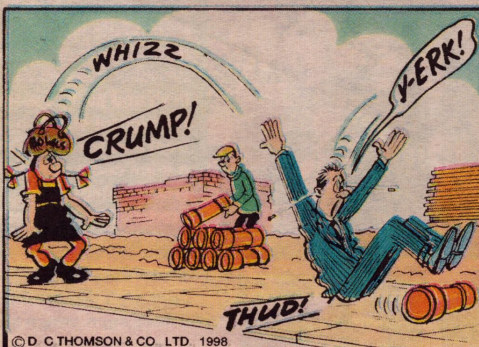
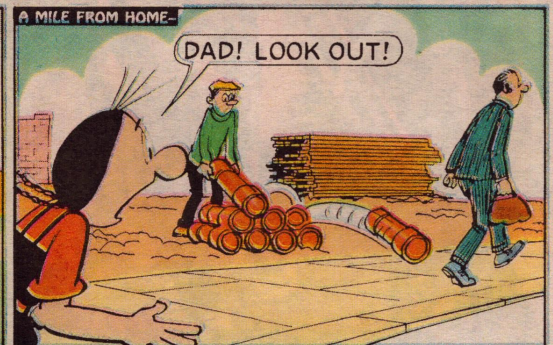
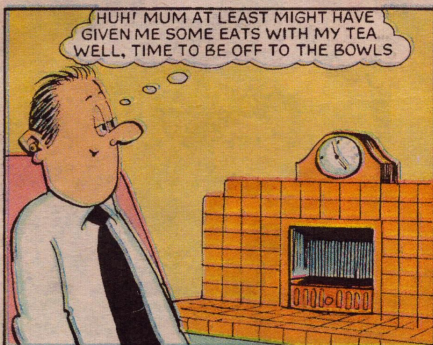
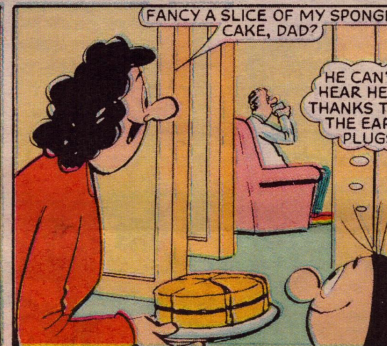
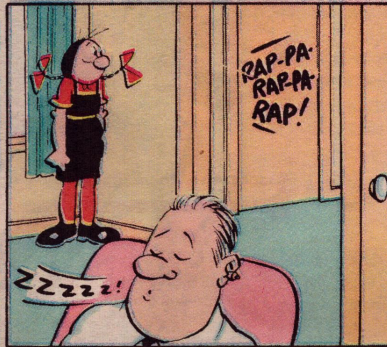
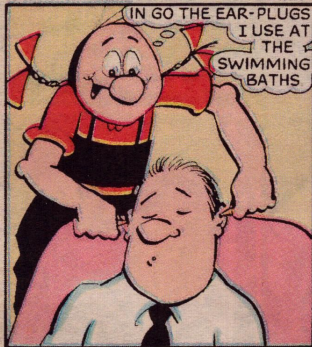
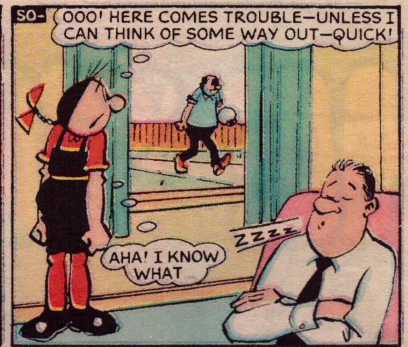
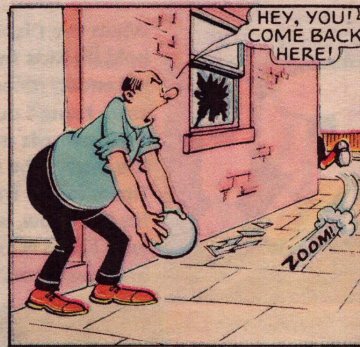
Backstage, the stars gathered to meet the press. Stephen Gately chatted about the Boyzone tour, while the arrival of Baby Spice, Posh and Becks caused the biggest stir. Rich from Five sat down for a drink and a natter and the Steps gang prepared for yet another photo moment!

After the show, Funday prize winner Abbey headed downstairs to join the stars at the after-show party. Abbey had not slept for two nights before the big day and told us: "It was neat, I had the best time!"

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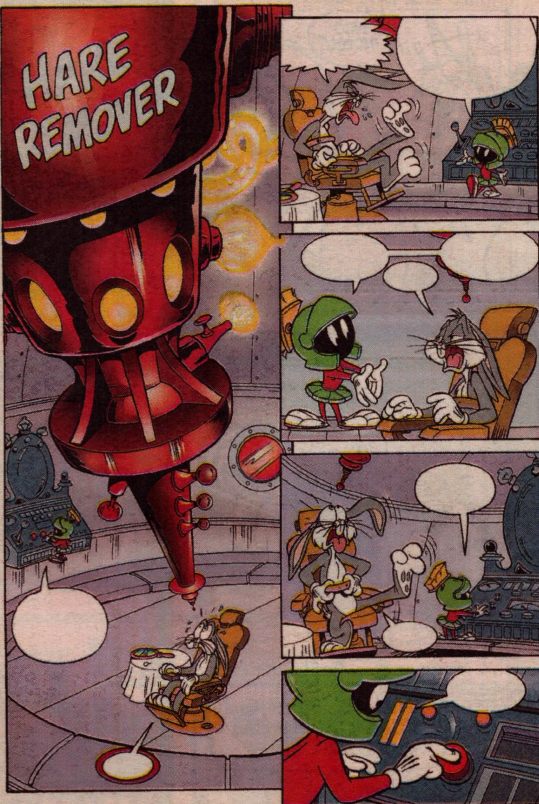


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BEE GEES TRIBUTE ALBUM

You probably don't know the original tracks because most of them are very old. But make sure you get to hear this Bee Gees tribute album - recorded by some of the pop world's brightest stars. Alongside the 911 single, More Than A Woman, you'll also find Robbie Williams, Cleopatra, Boyzone, Louise and Space - all putting in fine performances. The boys and girls from Steps deliver an unbeatable 90s version of Tragedy and Eurovision winner Dana International sings Woman In Love. Great fun - and it's for charity too.



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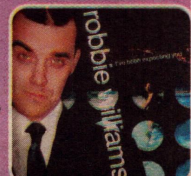
TRAINERS

Whatever you call yours, and however you wear them, trainers are part of most people's lives - and this is the ultimate guide! The nifty little book tells you everything you need to know about trainers. Who wears what, which ones sell best and how to spot a pair of "old skool" from the rest. To keep you up-to-date, there's even a list of manufacturers' web sites and colour pictures show four different ways to lace your prize sneakers - to make sure you've got the coolest around!

ALBUM

I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU Robbie Williams

Everyone has been bursting to hear whether Robbie's new album is any good or not. Mr Williams himself says, "I genuinely believe this is going to be the most important pop album of the year." Well, he might sound a bit big-headed, but he's not far off the mark. Millennium nestles amongst 11 other tracks, most of which get a big thumbs up from us. There's even a new Angels-style ballad, in the form of She's The One, and Robbie's collaboration with the Pet Shop Boys, No Regrets, is another big winner. We love it!



DAGSY DOG

with vet Catherine Morganti



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Dear Dagsy and Catherine,
How long do guinea pigs live? Some books say three years, others say eight.
Sophie Clark
Guinea pigs have an average lifespan of five or six years. They are sensitive to their environment and susceptible to stress, so to ensure yours lives to a ripe old age make sure you know how to look after it.



Dear Dagsy and Catherine,
Why can't dogs climb trees?
Maura McCarthy
When a dog attempts to chase a fleeing squirrel or bird up a tree it usually comes off second best because its body is not well adapted for this function. This is different from a cat which has sharp claws, strong gripping forelegs and a light body, ideal for climbing trees and chasing the prey that like to hide in them. Dogs are descended from a fast-running ancestor that hunted for its prey across the vast, flat plains of the world.



Dear Dagsy and Catherine,
If you have one worm and cut it in half, do both halves live?
Derek Johnson
Worms have powerful regrowth and regeneration capabilities but only of the upper part of their body. So, if you were to cut a worm in half, the upper part would grow back its bottom part. However, the bottom part will not grow back the upper part. This is because the upper part has most of the worms' vital organs. It is not a good idea to try this at home because worms are living creatures and have pain sensation. This phenomenon also occurs in other animals, especially



those more simple than worms like flatworms. These can even grow back a new head if it is cut off. Lizards can also grow back their tails!

Answers by: Catherine Morganti, Simon Kent, Mark Bossley

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:

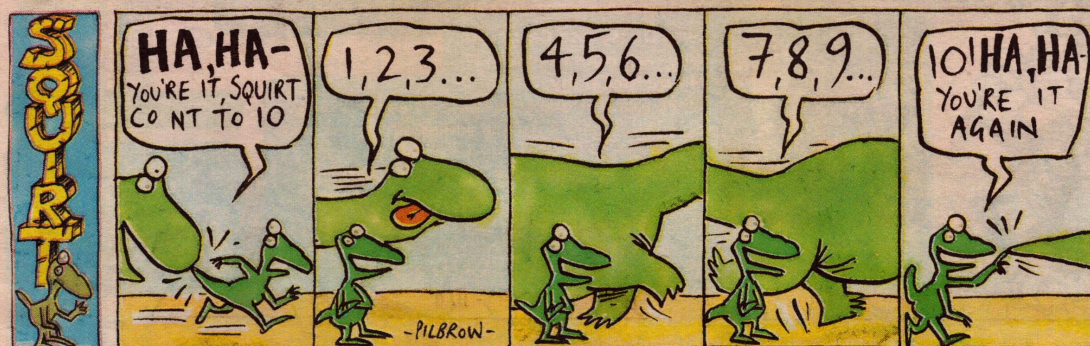
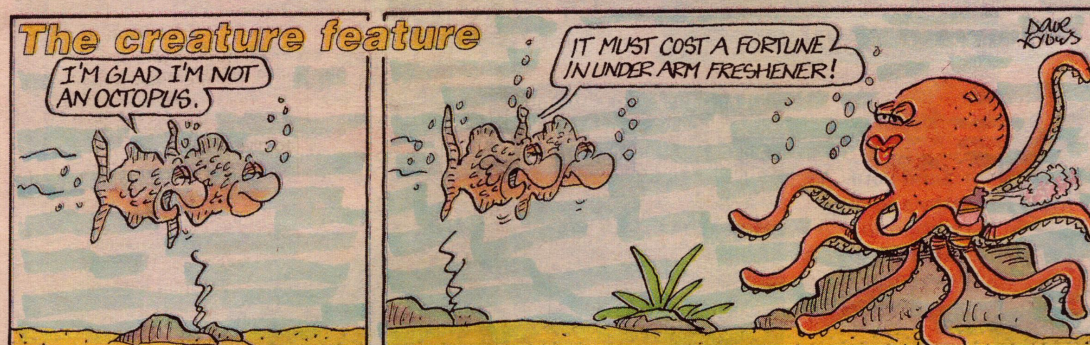
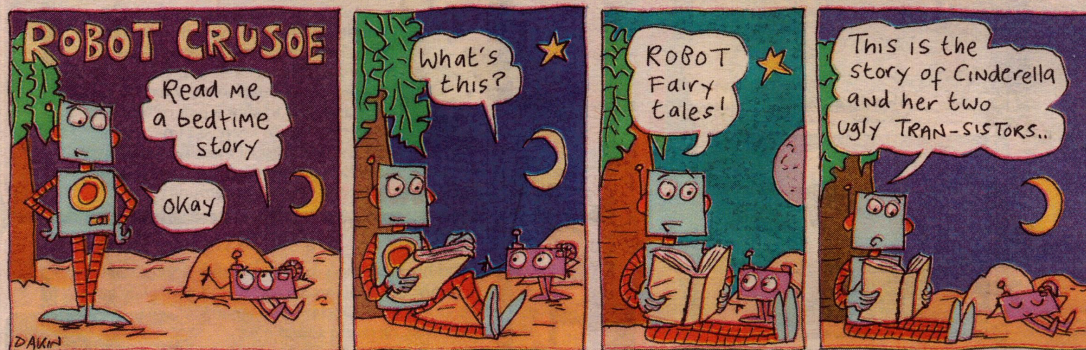
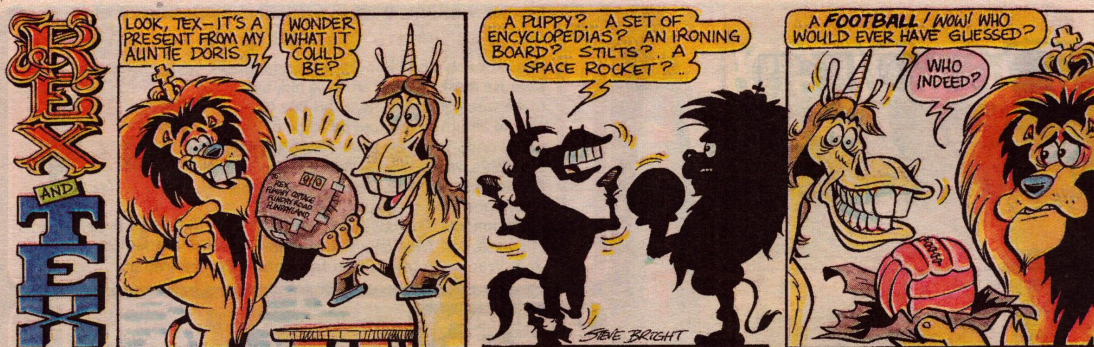
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The Blue Cross, one of Britain's largest animal welfare charities, has three animals' hospitals, two veterinary clinics, 11 adoption centres and two equine centres nationally. Last year the charity found homes for more than 8,000 animals and treated more than 60,000 pets at its hospitals.

Why not e-mail Dagsy? You can reach him at funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk





NEXT WEEK in FUNDAY



You've got to learn his language before you can speak to this little critter! Prepare to meet Furby

Discover the mystery and magic behind the legendary tale of King Arthur

Find out about the safari park rhino that sat on a car and squashed it!

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HEAD TO HEAD



MIKA HAKKINEN



MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

The Formula One world championship roars to an end next week when title challengers Mika Hakkinen and Michael Schumacher line up for the Japanese Grand Prix. With just four points between them, it should be a gripping race but it's Mika who holds that slender lead. Here's our guide to the two men to watch.

Pedigree

Hakkinen 4
Schumacher 10

There's not much doubt over this one. Michael has won the world title twice already, and he's very eager to pick up a third. Mika, by contrast, has never been involved in this kind of championship shoot-out, so if there are any nerves, they will be coming from his corner.

Pets

Hakkinen 10
Schumacher 5

Strangely for a man who makes his living driving so fast, Mika keeps a tortoise as a pet – he says it is good company. Michael, on the other hand, has a couple of dogs at home. On the basis that we like originality we decided that Mika's tortoise deserves the top score.

Supporters

Hakkinen 8
Schumacher 10

Mika's fans are happy to travel far and wide to cheer him on and you can see the blue and white flag of Finland at every race. Sadly, for Mika, it is often obscured by a sea of German flags held by Michael's devoted followers. He also gets the backing of Ferrari's fanatical fans in Italy.

Tactics

Hakkinen 8
Schumacher 9

Michael is probably the smartest driver in the field and his Ferrari team have the best tactician there is – technical director Ross Brawn. He has come up with a series of cunning strategies to outfox the opposition. Mika's McLaren team aren't as good but they are improving all the time.

Car

Hakkinen 10
Schumacher 5

Different cars perform in different ways and in Japan we're tipping Mika's McLaren to work best. It's the fastest car in the field but it has one problem – it sometimes breaks down. Michael's Ferrari is reliable but it could do with more power. On balance McLaren should have the edge.

Total

There can only be one winner and it's Mika with 40 points to Michael's 39. Find out if we have got it right by checking out the action next weekend.



Gold Medal

We'll have to invest in some expensive postage this week, because our Gold Medal is on the way to Australian cricket captain Mark Taylor. He made an incredible 334 not out against Pakistan, the joint highest Test score ever by an Australian, and was in sight of Brian Lara's all-time record of 375. However, as the team's captain, Mark decided to put their needs ahead of his own and declared the innings over – with Lara's record still safe. Mark then scored 92 in the second innings of the match to mark his own fantastic return to form.

Red Card

Ian Woosnam receives the Red Card for throwing away the chance to beat Tiger Woods. The pair were playing together in the World Matchplay championship and, with three holes left, Woosie was well ahead. Then, though, the jitters came and he missed two putts to put the match back on level terms. At the first extra hole Tiger won through, and poor Ian was left to rue his missed chance.



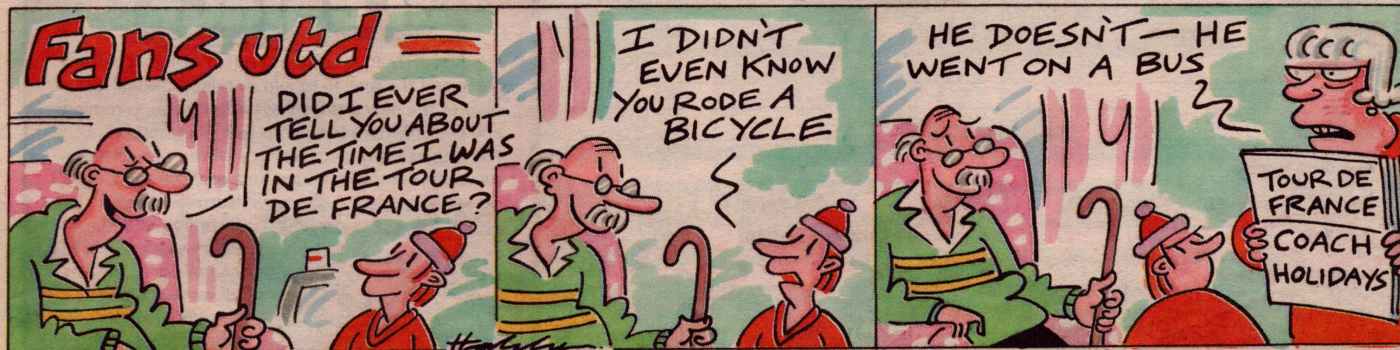
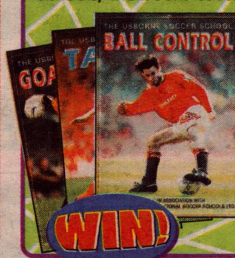
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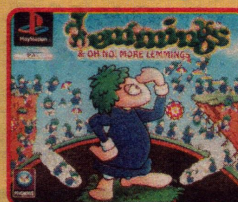
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